

Courthouse Security

Pillar: Building Public Safety

Service Number: 881

Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget: \$4,146,221

Service Description

This service provides courthouse, courtroom and perimeter security for the City's two Circuit Court buildings and the Juvenile Justice Center. Court Security Officers screen all members of the public who enter the buildings for weapons and contraband; provide courtroom security; and protect judges, courthouse employees, witnesses, defendants and member of the public. Approximately 5,000 persons enter the courthouses daily.

Major Budget Items

- The recommended budget maintains the current level of service.

Deputy Sheriff Enforcement

Pillar: Building Public Safety

Service Number: 882

Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget: \$12,675,871

Service Description

This service is responsible for serving all orders originating from Circuit Court such as warrants, attachments, foreclosures, evictions, temporary protective orders, and levies. The division processes approximately than 70,000 court orders annually, including an estimated 1,800 warrants per month. The division also houses and transports approximately 1,100 prisoners annually and collects fines and costs assessed by the Circuit Court.

Major Budget Items

- The recommended budget maintains the current level of service.
- The recommended budget supports the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture allocation of \$1.74 million. Under a Federal Taskforce Agreement, the Sheriff's Department will receive a percentage of proceeds seized as a result of participation in federal investigations. The spending of these funds is contingent upon receipt of asset forfeiture funds from pending cases. Asset forfeiture disbursements vary each year due to the uncertainty of investigations and litigation.

Service of Protective and Peace Orders

Pillar: Building Public Safety

Service Number: 883

Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget: \$2,256,678

Service Description

This service is responsible for serving peace and protective orders issued by the District and Circuit Courts. The Sheriff's Office took over the service of protective Orders from the Baltimore Police Department in Fiscal 2014. Examples of the peace and protective orders under the Sheriff's jurisdiction include Domestic Violence Protective Orders and general warrants, which often involves the seizure of firearms.

Major Budget Items

- The recommended budget maintains the current level of service.

District Court Sheriff Services

Pillar: Building Public Safety

Service Number: 884

Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget: \$2,761,775

Service Description

This service serves all rent process issued from the Baltimore District Court, including the performance of evictions by court order. Deputies also serve and enforce District Court writs, summonses, attachments, and levies. This service serves approximately 145,000 summary ejectments and 64,000 eviction orders yearly.

Major Budget Items

- The recommended budget maintains the current level of service.

Child Support Enforcement

Pillar: Building Public Safety

Service Number: 889

Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget: \$2,906,352

Service Description

This service serves child support process warrants in Baltimore City for the State's Child Support Enforcement Administration in the Department of Human Resources. In many instances child support is only collected after warrants have been issued or individuals are compelled to appear.

Major Budget Items

- The recommended budget maintains the current level of service.
- The recommended budget maintains the \$1.1 million for a federally funded Child Support Enforcement entitlement which will reimburse the City for up to 66% of general fund expenses incurred while serving child support process warrants.